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consuming in cigars, and all I would

consume if I went on in this habit, and

I will see what it will come to by com-

habit, and the savings amounted to the

enormous sum of \$29,102.03 by com-

"We lived in the city; but the child-

ren, who had learned something of the

country life from their annual visit to

their grand-parents, longed for the

home of the green fields. I noticed a

very pleasant place in the country for

sale. The cigar money now came in

requisition, and I found that it was

large enough to purchase the place and

my children enjoy the home, as they

watch the boats and steam launches

which course the river. Now, boys

you take your choice-smoking with-

out a home, or nome without smok-

Some years ago, a gentleman who

did not drink or smoke, one day said to

his wife, "I think I will give you each

month the amount of money I would

spend in smoking and drinking. How

spent \$100. and many, it was found,

spent sums between these two extremes.

their children. Once or twice every

year he would contribute \$100 to her

fund instead of getting drunk. When

denial in estimating what he would

have spent had he been a drinker and

a smoker, and investing it in the way

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cultarly beneficial as it tends to invig-

orate and toughen the system by rea-

son of the strong exercise there is in it.

As an example of how young Ameri-

cans spread the wealth of their fathers'

life-time earnings, a young man from

Texas, named Taylor, came to Rich-

mond to the reunion and has spent

but was drunk at the hour for the wed-

ding and soon found himself in the

care of the city. His father did not

want him to marry and his plans

The Philadelphia Record says:

is generally acknowledged as a great

have given some men great prominence

politically as well as industrially

Smith, the cough drop man, is the

Prohibition candidate for Governor of

New York this year, and there is talk

of nominating Douglass, the shoe man.

as the Sound Money Democratic can-

didate for Governor in Massachusetts."

"They say" that games of an in-

ocent nature are very restful. That

is doubtless true, but it is not univers-

ally true. There are people who are

all industry and energy to such a de-

gree that games of any sort are abso-

lutely irksome. Not that some games

are not lively enough, but because

some persons never find time to waste

as they call it, on games. And let us

not blame them. They have a right

to their mode of life as long as it is

We were very much struck by the

emark of a clergyman recently when

he said of a man who was very rich, "I

have no respect for his memory." The

rich man had died; but all through

his life he had hugged his wealth to

his bosom with such tenacity that one

could scarcely get a dollar from him

for any charity. The clergyman said

that the rich man loved his money so

well that all the time he feared "he was

It is truly a pitiable thing for a man

In the quiet country towns and ru-

al districts where THE COMMONWEALTH

mostly circulates, one hears not so much

of money questions which agitate the

throbbing and hustling city population

to a point of fever heat sometimes.

For instance, in one of the great cities

recently a minister took occasion to ad-

vocate the gold standard of money from

the pulpit. This brought forth a com-

mendation by a newspaper, which call-

el it "courage" in the minister to

speak thus fearlessly from his pulpit.

The truth is, it was very ugly and

naughty in a christian minister to

speak thus from the pulpit, and it

would have been just as ugly and

naughty if he had advocated silver

from his pulpit. Ministers have a

especially such evils as admit of no

question as to whether or not they

really are evils; but on such a thing as

the money question they have no right

to speak from the pulpit. There is too

much difference of opinion by persons

whose piety and consecration to the

service of God cannot be doubted. Let

not ministers of the gospel seek to

shirk their responsibilities as citizens

because of their position amongst men

but let them not mix such questions

called to preach.

as finance, per se, with the great truths

of the gospel which they profess to be

to have much of this world's goods and

going to die in the poor-house."

love it too well.

were thus broken up.

country. He is said to be one of

living.

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ON THE VERGE.

EDWARD A. VALENTINE. Points and Paragraphs of Things

Standing where the sunset embers, Crumbling, fall down the skies, Autumn muses and remembers. Li Hung Chang, the Chinese states-Bending stern regretful eyes.

> The imperious purple burning
> From her cheek hath burned away,
> And her bosom feels but yearning For the golden yesterday.

Though her kingdom fall asunder Through sedition winds and trost And the drums of winter thunder. And she sees that all is lost.

Yet her royal pride ensureth That none whisper word of scorn: Haggard, battled, she endureth, With a spirit upward borne.

Eyes that love her grieve serenely At the pathos of it all, In her bounty free but queenly. Now unbending in her tall. - Youths' Companion.

The art of Long Living.

New York Sun.

Sir Benjamin Richardson, the dis tinguished English physician and med ical writer, says that seven out of every ten sound and reasonable people ought to live to be 110 years old, and would do so if they "took care of them-He wooed and won a Richmond lady,

The fact that there have been centenarians in every country is proof that the human machine is capable of lasting as long as Sir Benjamin says it ought to last. If the few can live so long, why should not the many be able to reach an equal fulness of years?

Very careful examinations have been

"Judicious and extensive advertising made to discover the secret of the now exceptional longevity, the methods of stimulus to trade; but it seems to physical constitution of the centenarians. But the difference between them and the run of their neighbors in these respects does not seem to have been marked. At any rate, no facts have been obtained from which can be deduced anything approaching a law that can be laid down for the attaining of such longevity. Some of the centenarians are remarkable for their abstemicusness and the scrupulous care they take of their health, but the run of them have been found to live like the rest of people who do not wantony throw away their stock of vitality They have got so old without special and deliberate efforts to reach the distinction. Of course, they must have constitutions capable of great endurance, but in that particular they are not peculiar. Many of their contemporaries who died at much less age would have been passed by a life in surance examiner as having an equally long expectation of life. The physical machine of the dead was as good as that of the living, according to scientific tests applicable by a physician. The physical machine which lasts through a hundred years and more of life, is no better in its construction

than that which wears out at 70 or 80 Why, then, has not Dr. Richardson reason for saying that the existence of cetenarians, few though they may be proportionately, 1s sufficient evidence that equally long life is not only possible for all who have sound constitutions, but ought also to be the rule among them? It is proved indisputably that the machine can last very much longer than the run of men keep it going; that of itself it is good for the 110 years to which Dr. Richardson says the majority of people of good constitutions should live.

The Law as to Cruelty to Animals.

Biblical Recorder. The following is a list of offenses under the present law for prevention of cruelty to animals: "A half-staryed horse under a burden; an over-loaded horse, mule or ox; the turning out of a disabled domestic animal to die of starvation; the overdriving of a horse, to feed, water or house domestic anibing of birds' nest's; mocking birds' The palace grounds are very large and young may be taken, but must be kept are separated from the city by a wall in clean, roomy cages; the maiming or lifteen feet high and eight miles in crippling of any bird or beast in sport. These offenses are punishable

by fine and imprisonment." The reader well knows how frequenty this law is violated—this law and the higher law of God. Cruelty is daily spectacle on our streets. We ought to put a stop to it; we have the law to aid us in doing it. If several examples were made of those who come within reach of the law, there would be wonderful improvement in the general treatment of God's speechless and defenseless creatures.

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Written for THE COMMONWEALTH.] LETTER FROM SIAM. DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTRY.

As Seen by a Scotland Neck Boy.

Not long ago I visited the city of Bangkok. This city is in Siam and is situated wholly in the northern tropic zone. Siam is about as large as the State of Texas comprising some two hundred and ninety thousand square miles. The climate of Siam is tar from being a constant one and depends largely upon the decline of the sun The country is very rugged and mountainous, but is well watered by several large rivers, the most important of which are the Menam and the Mekong; and along the banks and valleys of these rivers and their small tributaries is located the majority of its population.

Along the lower part of its course the Menam winds through a plane tormed of a rich deposit, thickly overgrown with mangrove and palmetto, while further from its mouth are beautiful rice and cocoanut farms, extending on both sides as far as the eye can reach.

There are a great many large canals cut from the rivers through the country for means of transportation to dif ferent parts of the Kingdom. The trees are decked with lovely flowers of all kinds. There are large trees matted with vines whose blossoms resemble lilac; the birds fly to and fro across the puffing streams. The king has a beautiful yacht and it flies a blood red flag of Siam, upon which is depicted the "White Elephant," the index of all government institutions. .

People in Siam do not chew tobacco but they chew some stuff they call betel and it turns their teeth as black as ink. The Menam river is subject to an overflow once or twice a year, when it overflows it brings down a thick sllt or mud, which is left on the land every year forming a layer some three inches in thickness of fine fertile soil. When this occurs there is always a good crop of rice made the following year. The natives use rice for a diet at a wedding and they almost worship rice in some places. The houses are built of a light frame of poles, sides of straw and can natting and are covered with very steep thatched roofs. The windows and doors are of matting tied with matting string for a hinge. Those nouses that are built on piles have rough ladder or a pair of rude steps leading up to the door-way from the water's edge. About eight miles from Bangkok there is a large warehouse situated back from the river brink and is built on the European plan and you will see painted on its large white walls in large Roman letters the words, "Kerosene Depot," and by seeing these words it recalls the memory of the land of the living, the "United States of America."

The former capital of Stam was Aguthia and is situated on the Menam river eight miles from the mouth During a war they were forced to de ert this place. That was about one hundred years ago. Then they built the city of Bangkok which is now the capital of Siam. The population of Bangkok is estimated from three hundred thousand to four hundred thouand. One half of these people live upon the water in their floating houses and canoes. In this city you can see articles of all nations and of every kind from all parts of the world; native leopard skins, Japanese matches, English tin ware, American agrıcultural one third of the people in this city are temples in and around the city. Their ily out of every five must contribute a religion is Buddhism. The king has one hundred concubines and two wives and they are the daughters of the Siamese nobles. They all live inside the palace walls. The king has number of children and they all apmule or ox; the cruel beating, kicking, pear to have the same social standing, jerking of a horse, mule or ox; failure only those who are in a line of promotion to the "throne" are loyed more mals in winter; the carrying of fowls by their parents. They are all called you not selfish, voting to keep the sawith their heads down (must be carried princes and princesses. They all ride loon open to grind up boys: and then in the arms or in baskets); the killing the white elephant in a royal proces- doing nothing to keep up the supply of birds of song or plumage, except sion. The crown prince is a fine mansuch as may be of use as food; the rob- ly looking boy about 15 years of age.

circumference. About 3,000 people, as pervants, guard and live inside this wall. The king has 13 large elephants and they are regarded as a deity. They worship all white animals. They think that they were at some past time some superior human being. When a white elephant is caught he brought down the river on a large raft of bull-rushes and polis and it is decorated with fruits and flowers of all kinds and escorted by boats and a great dis-

by which he is afterwards called. The elephant is given a special compartment and his name posted over the doorway. There are from ten to twelve people detailed to attend to and guard

Now I will describe the Siamee to you. The true Siamee is a short. stocky man, dark brown in color, when he works in the open air, but almost as light as the Mongolian when belonging to the higher class. They have dark brown, almost black eyes, and short stiff black hair. They crop their hair, both women and men, very close. Their hair is the only protection they have for their heads from the hot sun. They have a very good disposition but they are very timid and never think of the future. They learn their babies to swim when they are quite young, they tie a rope around the body and throw him in the water, until he learns to swim. The natives use the elephant for clearing up land, such as moving rocks, logs, etc. They soon understand what they have to do for they are very apt in learning and will very often do things to suit themselves by their own judgement rather than to obey the master's command, and afterwards the master sees that the elephant had the better judgment of the two. They will not cross a bridge until they test it.

Siam is a rich country and the soil s very fertile. Gold, lead and copper are found here. There have been many precious stones found here also. C. T. CURRIE.

The Only Woman Mason.

National Recorder.

There has been just one woman Maact and forthwith initiated as the one means by which to keep her silent.

She was Lady Aidsworth. An authentic portrait of her Ladyship hangs in the Masonic Temple in New York among the rows of bearded men who have won Masonic distinction. She was painted in the very act of laying her hand upon the "booke" and swearing eternal lovalty to the Masonic vows. Lady Aldsworth's brother, who was the son of an Irish nobleman. entertained his lodge on an evening that is vaguely located in the last cenury at his home. Domarite Castle.

His sister, who was not free from the vice of her sex, crept to the corri dor outside the room where the meeting was being held and watched the ceremonies until she became so overcome by the sense of her transgression that, woman-like, she shrieked and fainted. This aroused the sentinel, who, in turn, summoned his brother Masons. They deliberated until 3 o'clock in the morning, hesitating how best to protect themselves. Then it was decided to have gentie Lady Aldsworth register the Masonic vows. She did so, and became the only woman Mason who ever lived. Whether she proved an efficient member has never been recorded, but it is to be hoped that the gallant Masons who initiated her never had reason to regret their

Have you a Boy to Spare?

doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he The saloon must have boys, says the spent three hundred and seventy-five Presbyterian, or it must shut up shop. dollars with doctors, who finally gave Can't you furnish it one? It is a great him up, saying: "Your boy won't live factory, and unless it can get about a month." He tried Dr. King's New 2,000,000 from each generation for raw Discovery and a few bottles restored material, some of these factories must him to health and enabled him to go close out, and their operations must be to work a perfectly well man. He sass implements and mineral oil. About thrown on a cold world, and the public he owes his present good health to use revenue will dwindle. "Wanted-2.of Dr. King's New Discovery, and Chinese. There are some beautiful 000,000 boys," is the notice. One famknows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Boottles Free at boy to keep up the supply. Will you help? Which of your boys will it be? The Minotaur of Crete had to have a trireme full of fair maidens each year but the Minotaur of America demands a city full of boys each year. Are you a tather? Have you contributed boy? If not, some other family has had to give more than its share. Are

We live in a country of which the principal scourge is stomach-trouble. It is more wide-spread than any other disease, and very nearly, more dan-

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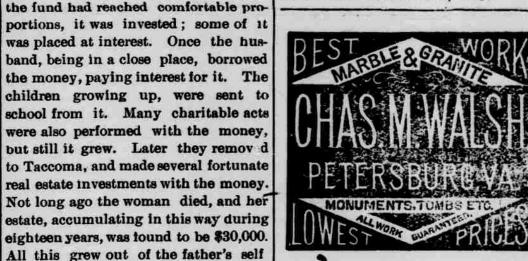
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